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Farmers have four per cent of the 2006 crop combined, compared to one per cent of the crop combined at this time last year, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

A further seven per cent either has been swathed or is ready to be straight combined. Some harvest activity has taken place in all regions of the province and in all crops, except sunflowers.

Fall cereals are reported to be 75 per cent in good to excellent condition. Spring cereals are reported to be 56 per cent in good to excellent condition. Oilseed crops are reported to be 56 per cent in good to excellent condition. Pulse crops are 51 per cent in good to excellent condition.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay, and pasture land improved in central and northern regions during the past week, but deteriorated in the south.

First-cut haying operations are nearing completion with 95 per cent baled or put into silage. Some areas have begun a second cut, although three-quarters of the reporters do not expect a second cut of hay.

Desiccation on pulse crops is underway. Some areas of the province are looking for a rain shower to help finish off crops. Other areas indicate that a rain now will not help the crops and could reduce quality.

Hot, dry conditions were the main sources of crop damage during the past week. Many crop reporters indicate that yields will be somewhat reduced due to the heat. Insect damage came from bertha armyworms, wheat stem maggot, cabbage worms, wheat midge, aphids, grasshoppers, flea beetles, Lygus bugs, diamond back moth larvae, and sawflies. Disease pressures came from rust, ascochyta blight, anthracnose, rust, and mildew. Other sources of crop damage during the past week were hail, wind, and gophers.

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Saskatchewan Crop Conditions, August 6, 2006

	Winter Wheat	Fall Rye	Spring Wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Triticale	
% excellent	24	10	8	6	9	8	10	
% good	53	60	51	35	52	49	32	
% fair	14	23	32	42	32	34	41	
% poor	6	7	7	14	5	7	12	
% very poor	3	0	2	3	2	2	5	
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Sun-flower	Lentil	Pea	Canary Seed	Chick-pea
% excellent	7	9	4	1	8	9	7	7
% good	43	48	40	87	43	47	50	30
% fair	40	36	40	12	33	30	40	35
% poor	8	6	11	0	13	11	2	20
% very poor	2	1	5	0	3	3	1	8

1 Year Ago

One per cent of the 2005 crop was combined and a further 2% was swathed or ready to be straight combined.

The provincial average saw all crop groups rated at 80% or higher in good to excellent condition.

Eighty-eight per centof the first-cut hay crop was complete; 12% of the second cut was complete.

Hot, dry conditions were the main source of crop damage.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The south eastern region was generally hot and dry during the past week with a few scattered showers and some strong winds. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average high of 6 mm reported in Crop District 2b. Heat and drought stress as well as wind damage were reported across the region. Rain would help later seeded crops. The wind scattered pea, lentil, and canola swaths. Winds were very damaging to pea crops in the Montmartre area with up to 75% damage. In the Radville area, 20 to 30% of canola and mustard was lost because of the wind. Hail was reported in the Minton area.

Four per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been combined and a further 12% has been swathed or is ready to be straight-combined. Fifty-eight per cent of the winter wheat, 67% of the fall rye, 21% of the peas, and 12% of the lentils have been combined. Pulse crops continue to be desiccated.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 87%; Fall Rye – 81%; Spring Wheat – 45%; Durum – 43%; Oats – 48%; Barley – 45%; Triticale – 65%; Flax – 39%; Canola – 46%; Mustard – 43%; Sunflowers – 95%; Lentils – 60%; Peas – 59%; Canary seed – 66%; and Chickpeas – 52%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland deteriorated this past week. Fifty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as very short compared with 52% last week. Conditions also deteriorated on hay and pasture land with 68% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short compared to 63% last week. Pastures are rapidly drying out. Cattle are being fed in the Redvers and Zehner areas. Grass and stubble fires are a concern in many areas and some areas have already had fires.

Insect damage came from aphids, bertha armyworms, wheat midge, wheat stem maggots, flea beetles, saw flies, and grasshoppers. Mildew was reported in CD 2b.

First-cut haying operations are almost complete with 98% baled or silaged, and almost 2% lying in the swath. Quality is generally expected to be good. Second-cut haying has begun in some areas with 40% baled or put into silage and 10% cut across the region. Many reporters do not expect a second cut in their area.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The past week was hot, dry, and windy in the southwest. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, with an average high of 4 mm reported in CD 3an. Wind, heat and drought stress were reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in the Eyebrow, Hodgeville, Swift Current, and Lucky Lake areas. In the Eyebrow area, the hail caused damage of up to 100%. The hail in the Hodgeville area caused between 50 and 80% damage. The hail in the Swift Current area caused minor damage.

Fourteen per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been combined and a further 12% is swathed or is ready to be straight-combined. Eighty-seven per cent of the winter wheat, 84% of the fall rye, 50% of the peas, 33% of the lentils, and 16% of the triticale have been combined. Reporters are commenting that some crops look shriveled and of poor quality. A rain would still help some late crops.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 48%; Fall Rye – 57%; Spring Wheat – 34%; Durum – 35%; Oats – 30%; Barley – 35%; Triticale – 36%; Flax – 25%; Canola – 25%; Mustard – 22%; Sunflowers – 40%; Lentils – 33%; Peas – 39%; Canary seed – 44%; and Chickpeas – 27%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week, with 66% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared with 54% last week. Topsoil moisture conditions also deteriorated on hay and pasture land with 72% of reporters giving a rating of very short compared to 67% last week. Pastures are in very poor shape. Water supplies are getting low in the Stewart Valley area. There have been some field fires and the fire hazard is high.

Disease pressures came from

ascochyta blight, anthracnose, and mildew. Insect pressures came from grasshoppers and sawflies. Gophers continue to damage crops in many areas.

Haying operations are winding down in the southwest, with 98% of the first-cut hay baled or put into silage. Quality is expected to be good. Most reporters do not expect to see a second cut in their area.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was hot with some thunderstorms and rain showers during the past week. An average of 11 mm of precipitation was reported, with close to 50 mm reported in the Kelvington area. Drought and wind stress were reported across the region. Heat stress was reported in CD 5a. Hail damage was reported in the Quill Lake, Kelvington, Leroy, and Humboldt areas. Hail damage was localized, but up to 60% damage is expected in some areas.

Three per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been swathed or is ready to be straight-combined. Seventeen per cent of the winter wheat, 10% of the fall rye, 2% of the lentils, and 1 % of the peas have been combined. Desiccation of pulses is underway.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 86%; Fall Rye – 92%; Spring Wheat – 71%; Durum – 76%; Oats – 66%; Barley – 64%; Triticale – 100%; Flax – 69%; Canola – 56%; Mustard – 74%; Sunflowers – 90%; Lentils – 70%; Peas – 68%; Canary seed – 63%; and Chickpeas – 90%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved, with 45% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 31% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 34% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 30% last week.

Bertha armyworms were the main source of crop damage during the past week, and spraying is underway. Other insect damage came from sawflies, wheat stem maggots, wheat midge, flea beetles, aphids, diamondback moth larvae, and cabbage worms. Disease pressure came from rust and powdery mildew.

First-cut haying operations are progressing, with 91% baled or silaged, and a further 6% lying in the swath. Quality is expected to be good to excellent. The second cut is just getting underway. Many reporters do not expect to see a second cut in their area.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region saw a lot of stormy weather this past week. An average of 17 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, with over 50 mm reported in the Biggar area. Hail and wind damage, including lodging, were reported in many areas. The wind also scattered hay swaths. Two hail storms in the Harris area caused minor to 100% damage. In the Biggar area, hail damage was reported as 30% to 100%. Other reporters indicated that hail damage was fairly widespread and extensive in CD 7b.

One per cent of the 2006 west central crop has been combined and a further 7% has been swathed or is ready to be straight-combined. Thirteen per cent of the fall rye, 8% of the winter wheat, 4% of the lentils and 3% of the peas have been combined. Pulse desiccation is underway.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 59%; Fall Rye – 78%; Spring Wheat – 57%; Durum – 50%; Oats – 65%; Barley – 51%; Triticale – 50%; Flax – 64%; Canola – 51%; Mustard – 55%; Lentils – 59%; Peas – 52%; Canary seed – 40%; and Chickpeas – 67%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved, with 44% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 12% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 37% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 10% last week.

Insect pressures came from bertha armyworms, flea beetles, sawflies, diamondback moth larvae, and Lygus bugs. Mildew damage was reported in CD 7b.

Cutting and baling the 2006 hay crop is winding down with 96% baled or silaged, and a almost 4% lying in the swath. Quality is generally expected to be good. Twenty-two per cent of the second cut crop has been baled and a further 19% cut, though a number of reporters do not expect to harvest a second cut.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The north eastern region was also hot during the past week with some showers and thunderstorms. An average of 34 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, with over 70 mm reported in the Paddockwood area. Hail and wind damage, including lodging, were reported across the region. Reporters expect the rain will help crops fill.

One per cent of 2006 crop has been swathed in the northeast. Eight per cent of the fall rye and 1% of the winter wheat have been combined. Pulse crops are being desiccated.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 80%; Fall Rye – 79%; Spring Wheat – 68%; Durum – 81%; Oats – 75%; Barley – 63%; Flax – 63%; Canola – 61%; Mustard – 64%; Lentils – 47%; Peas – 66%; and Canary seed – 77%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved this past week, with 85% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 58% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 89% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 61% last week.

Insect damage came from bertha armyworms, wheat midge, and clover cutworms. Spraying is underway in many areas for the armyworms. Powdery mildew caused crop damage in CD 8b.

Haying operations are nearing completion with 98% of the 2006 crop baled or silaged, and almost 2% lying in the swath. Quality is expected to be good. Harvesting a second cut has begun with 5% baled or silaged and a further 7% lying in the swath. Many reporters do not expect a second cut in their area.

Some of the unseeded acreage was being worked on last week. From the Hoey area, it was reported that there was anthrax in bison.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The north western region had rain, hail and wind during the past week. An average of 50 mm of precipitation was reported, with over 80 mm reported in the Meadow Lake area. Hail and wind damage were reported across the region. The hail, wind, and heavy rain caused crops to lodge. A tornado was reported in the Mayfair area. The rain is expected to help later crops fill and to help parched pastures. Hail at the end of July in the Leask area caused damage of 30 to 100%.

Two per cent of the 2006 north western crop has been swathed or is ready to be straight combined. One per cent of the peas has been combined. Pulse crops are being desiccated.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter wheat – 100%; Fall Rye – 83%; Spring Wheat – 80%; Durum – 40%; Oats – 77%; Barley – 82%; Triticale – 65%; Flax – 76%; Canola – 77%; Mustard – 50%; Lentils – 50%; Peas – 76%; and Canary seed – 100%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week with 88% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 28% last week, Conditions on hay and pasture land also improved during the past week, with 92% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 24% last week.

Bertha armyworms, diamondback moth larvae, and grasshoppers all caused crop damage during the past week. Insecticide application against bertha armyworms is underway. Rust was reported in some barley crops in the Spiritwood area.

Rain slowed haying operations in the northwest this past week. Ninety per cent of the crop has been baled or silaged, and a further 5% is lying in the swath. Quality is expected to be good. Many reporters do not expect to see a second cut in their area.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending August 6, 2006

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
12		Mount Pleasant	6	187
	3 B	Enniskillen	4	156
	33 A	Moose Creek	NIL	142
	33 B	Moose Creek	NIL	213
	35	Benson	NIL	176
	61	Antler	5	156
	63 A	Moose Mountain	NIL	193
	64	Brock	NIL	198
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	139
	92 B	Walpole	NIL	188
	93	Wawken	NIL	216
	95	Golden West	NIL	216
	121	Moosomin	NIL	218
	122	Martin	2	213
	123	Silverwood	NIL	247 *
	124	Kingsley	2	204
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	279
	151 B	Rocanville	12	331
	155	Wolseley	4	238
2A	36	Cymri	2	241
	67	Weyburn	TR	209
	68	Brokenshell	TR	211
	96	Fillmore	NIL	208
	97	Wellington	TR	196
	99	Caledonia	NIL	214
2B	126	Montmartre	6	185
	127	Francis	9	224
	128	Lajord	2	142
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	195
	131	Baildon	9	257
	156 A	Indian Head	7	232
	156 B	Indian Head	7	238
	157	South Qu'appelle	6	217
	158	Edenwold	5	196
	161	Moose Jaw	6	368
	191	Marquis	10	269
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	2	242
	9	Surprise Valley	6	241
	38 A	Laurier	9	227
	38 B	Laurier	6	177
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	173
	39 B	The Gap	2	189
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	163
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	156
	40	Bengough	NIL	185
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	187
	43 A	Old Post	3	140
	43 B	Old Post	1	158
	44	Waverley	NIL	233
	70	Key West	4	187
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	237
3AN	101 B	Terrell	2	194
	102	Lake Johnston	1	194
	132	Hillsborough	2	274
	164	Chaplin	3	257
	193	Eyebrow	8	294
	194	Enfield	6	207
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	NIL	146
	17 B	Val Marie	1	139
	46	Glen Mcpherson	NIL	168
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	203
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	219
	76 A	Auvergne	4	137
	76 B	Auvergne	TR	167
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	105
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	129
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	101
	105	Glenbain	TR	350
	106	Whiska Creek	1	186
	108	Bone Creek	1	143
3BN	135	Lawtonia	4	277
	136	Coulee	3	229
	138	Webb	NIL	188
	166	Excelsior	6	208
	167	Sask. Landing	1	195
	225	Canaan	NIL	185
	226	Victory	2	194
	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	158
	228 B	Lacadena	3	229
4A	19	Frontier	NIL	142
	49 B	White Valley	3	138
	51	Reno	1	128
	79	Arlington	NIL	105
	109	Carmichael	NIL	144
	110	Piapot	NIL	131
	111 A	Maple Creek	NIL	122
4B	139	Gull Lake	TR	144
	141	Big Stick	NIL	142
	169	Pittville	8	102
	231	Happyland	3	186
5A	183	Fertile Belt	5	232
	185	Mcleod	5	208
	186	Abernethy	6	223
	211	Churchbridge	17	236
	213	Saltcoats	15	181
	216	Tullymet	6	275
	217 B	Lipton	5	237
	243	Wallace	6	191*
	245 A	Garry	7	221
	245 B	Garry	24	261
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	12	248
	247	Kellross	20	329
	248	Touchwood	25	249
5B	271	Cote	6	199
	273	Sliding Hills	17	158
	275 A	Insinger	4	361*
	275 B	Insinger	4	241
	276	Foam Lake	2	283
	277	Emerald	3	269
	304	Buchanan	8	237
	307	Elfros	7	294
	335	Hazel Dell	10	268
	336	Sasman	4	255
	337	Lakeview	15	302
	338	Lakeside	9	275
	366 A	Kelvington	39	238
	366 B	Kelvington	49	287
	367	Ponass Lake	13	350
	367 B	Ponass Lake	25	160
6A	189	Lumsden	12	296
	190 A	Dufferin	3	185
	190 B	Dufferin	2	275
	190 C	Dufferin	8	242
	219 C	Longlaketon	5	201
	220	Mckillop	4	279
	221	Sarnia	5	256
	251	Big Arm	5	201
	252	Arm River	3	218
	279 A	Mount Hope	14	233
	279 B	Mount Hope	15	245
	280	Wreford	11	198
	282	Mccraney	10	227
	312	Morris	9	233
	313	Lost River	6	191
	339 A	Leroy	9	210
	339 B	Leroy	6	259
	340 A	Wolverine	9	290
	340 B	Wolverine	8	298
6B	254	Loreburn	6	221
	283	Rosedale	2	171
	284	Rudy	TR	223
	285	Fertile Valley	3	226
	286	Milden	NIL	206
	314	Dundurn	14	23
	344	Corman Park	41	203
	345	Vanscoy	17	223
	346	Perdue	15	239
	376 A	Eagle Creek	34	238
	376 B	Eagle Creek	22	221
	404	Laird	31	244
7A	259	Snipe Lake	6	131
	287	St. Andrews	5	124
	292	Milton	5	209
	317 B	Marriott	5	209*
	317 C	Marriott	19	204
	318 A	Mountain View	9	227
	318 B	Mountain View	23	227
	320	Oakdale	16	166
	321	Prairiedale	10	270
7B	347 A	Biggar	56	248
	350 A	Mariposa	8	148
	350 B	Mariposa	6	190
	352	Heart's Hill	5	196
	377	Glenside	26	239
	378 A	Rosemount	25	199
	378 B	Rosemount	29	156
	379	Reford	46	201
	380	Tramping Lake	28	48*
	409	Buffalo	23	185
	410	Round Valley	27	187
8A	397	Barrier Valley	32	342
	398	Pleasantdale	41	279
	456	Arborfield	58	297
	457 A	Connaught	8	382
	457 B	Connaught	27	245
	458	Willow Creek	37	267
	486	Moose Range	31	214
	487	Nipawin	35	264
8B	369	St. Peter	33	362
	370	Humboldt	16	238
	371	Bayne	19	247
	372	Grant	30	221
	373	Aberdeen	17	202
	399	Lake Lenore	25	243
	400	Three Lakes	25	214
	402	Fish Creek	42	231
	429 A	Flett's Springs	55	248
	429 B	Flett's Springs	36	244
	430	Invergordon	34	284
	431	St. Louis	43	327
9AE	488	Torch River	24	270
	520	Paddockwood	74	357
9AW	406	Mayfield	18	230
	435	Redberry	35	248
	436 B	Douglas	29	148*
	463	Duck Lake	30	243
	464	Leask	63	311
	467	Round Hill	74	284
	493	Shellbrook	33	236
	494	Canwood	44	313
	496	Spiritwood	47	297
	497	Medstead	48	207
	555	Big River	62	302
9B	438 A	Battle River	54	242
	438 B	Battle River	30	222
	442	Manitou Lake	54	241
	468	Meota	50	221
	470	Paynton	40	223
	472	Wilton	72	271
	498 A	Parkdale	48	205
	498 B	Parkdale	58	178
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	50	197
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	52	192
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	28	200
	502	Britannia	62	251
	561	Loon Lake	49	166
	588 A	Meadow Lake	67	193
	588 B	Meadow Lake	66	187
	588 C	Meadow Lake	81	187

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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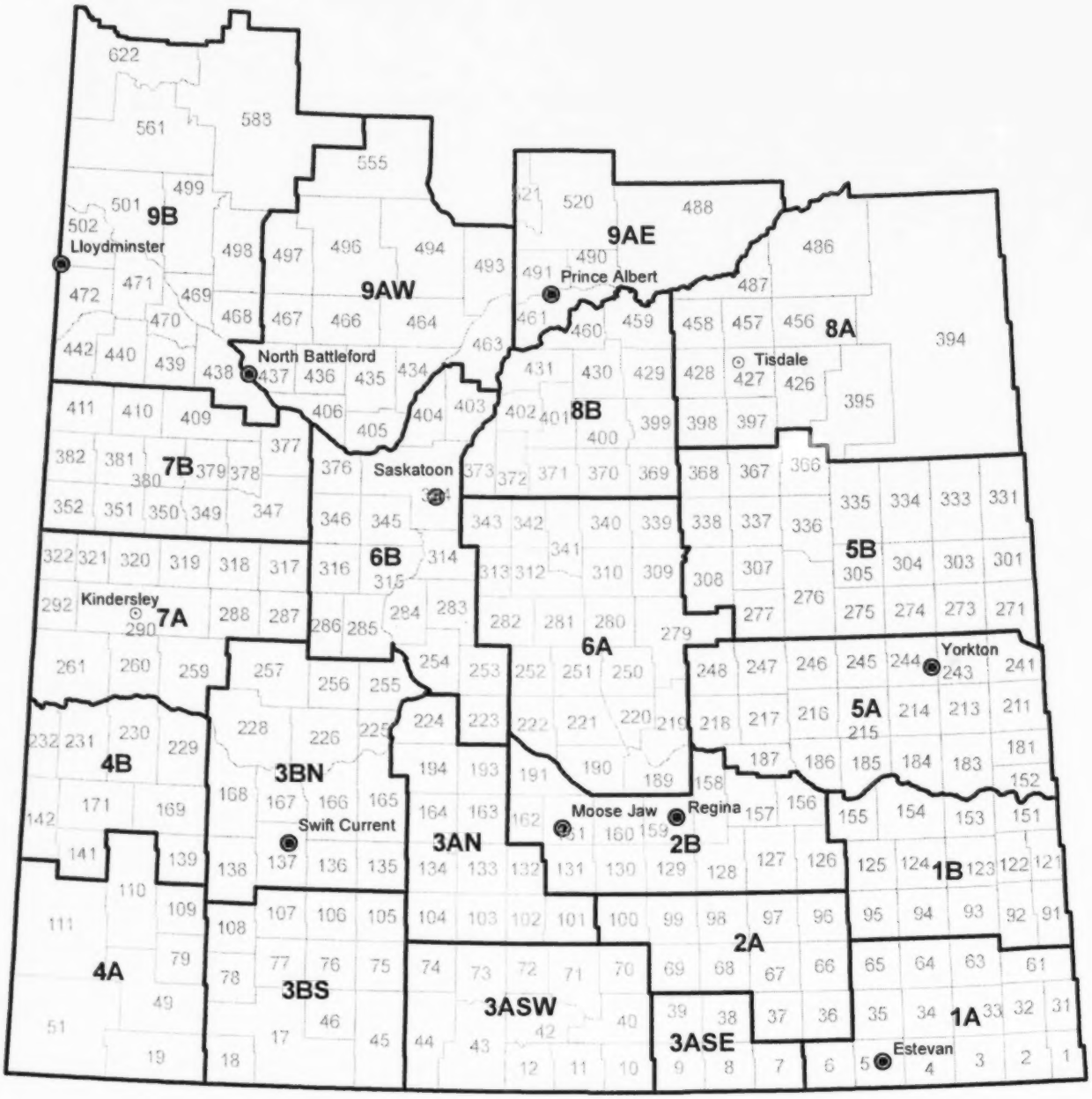
Rural Municipalities



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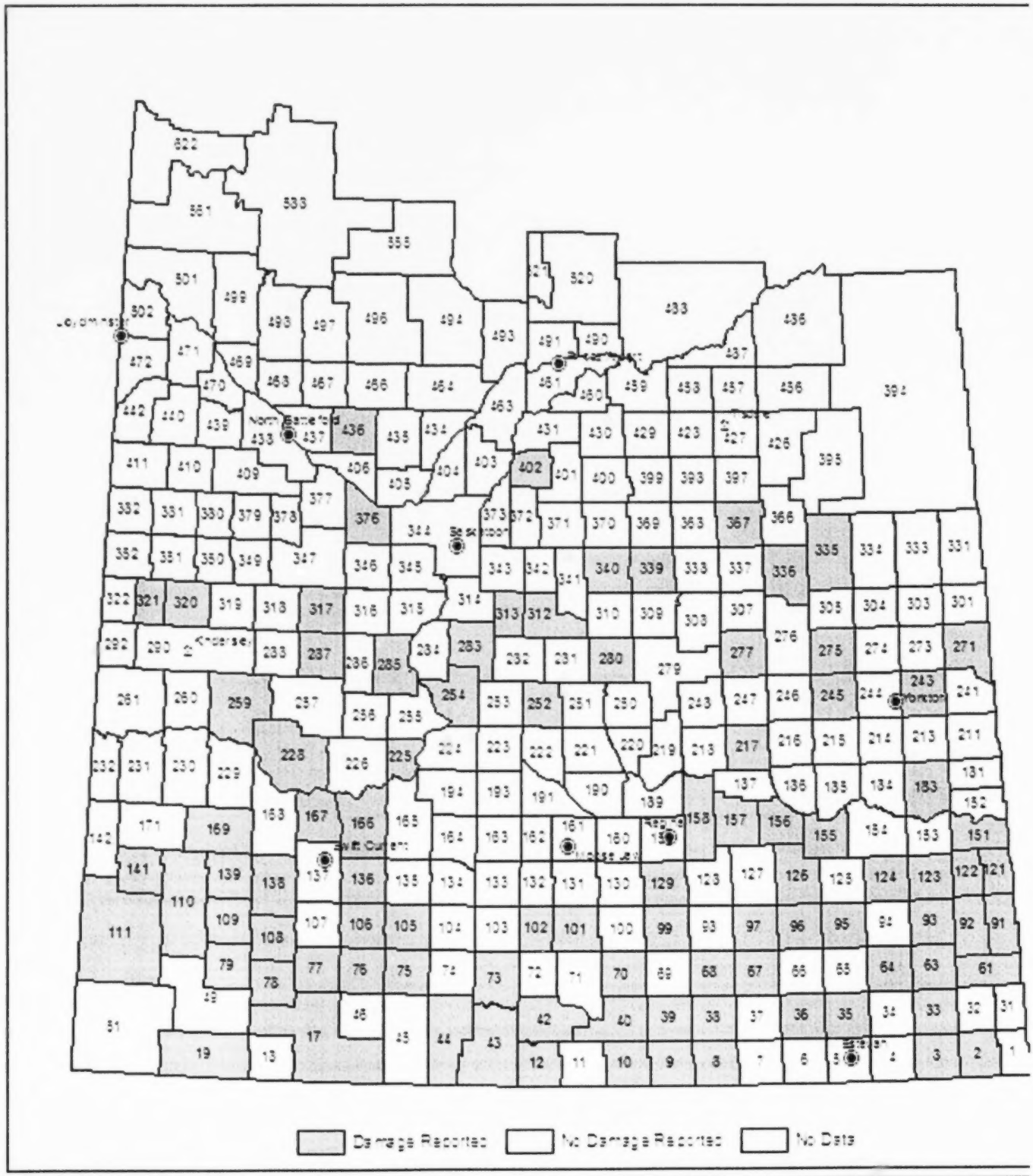
for the week ending August 5, 2006



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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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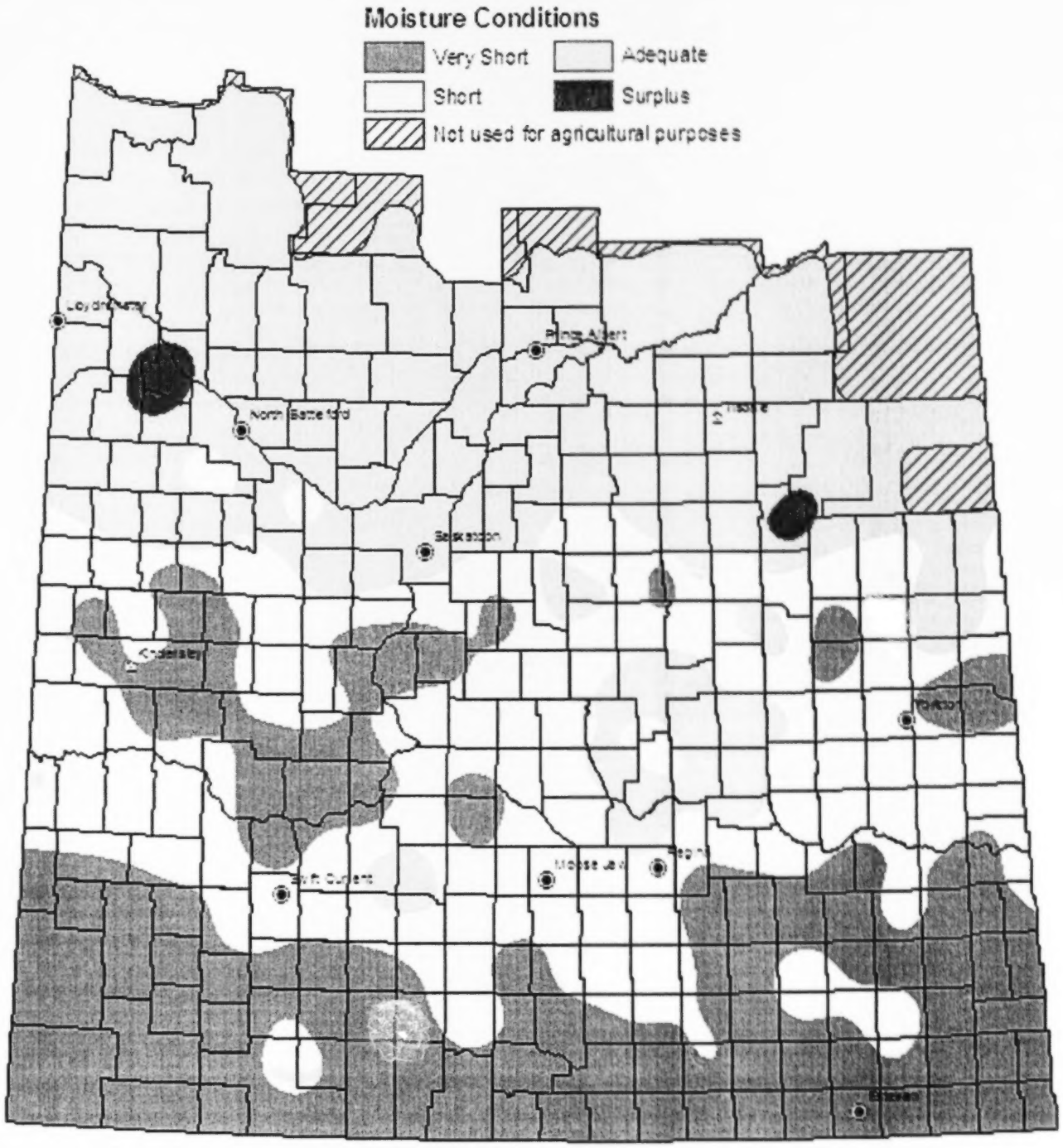

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Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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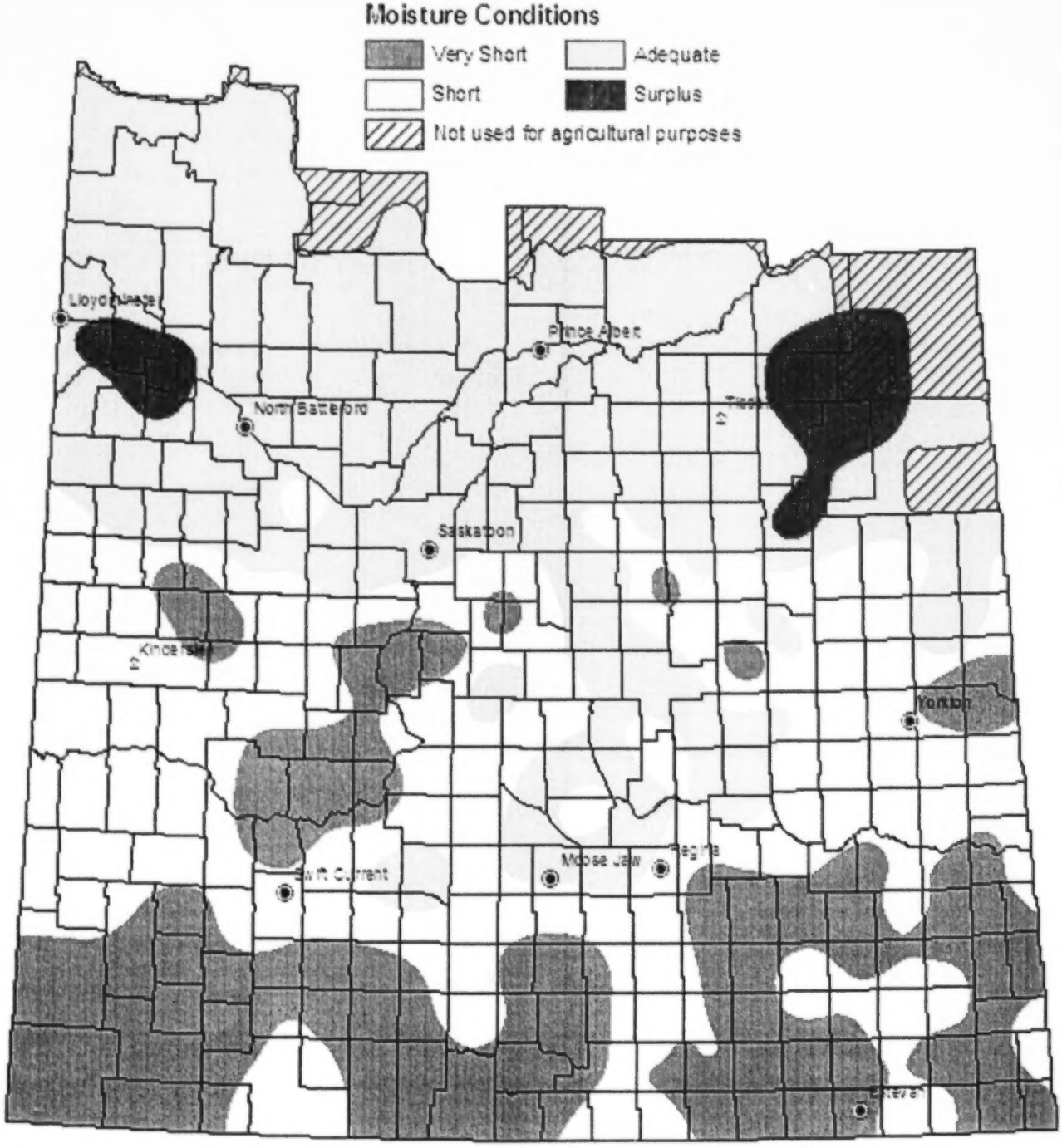

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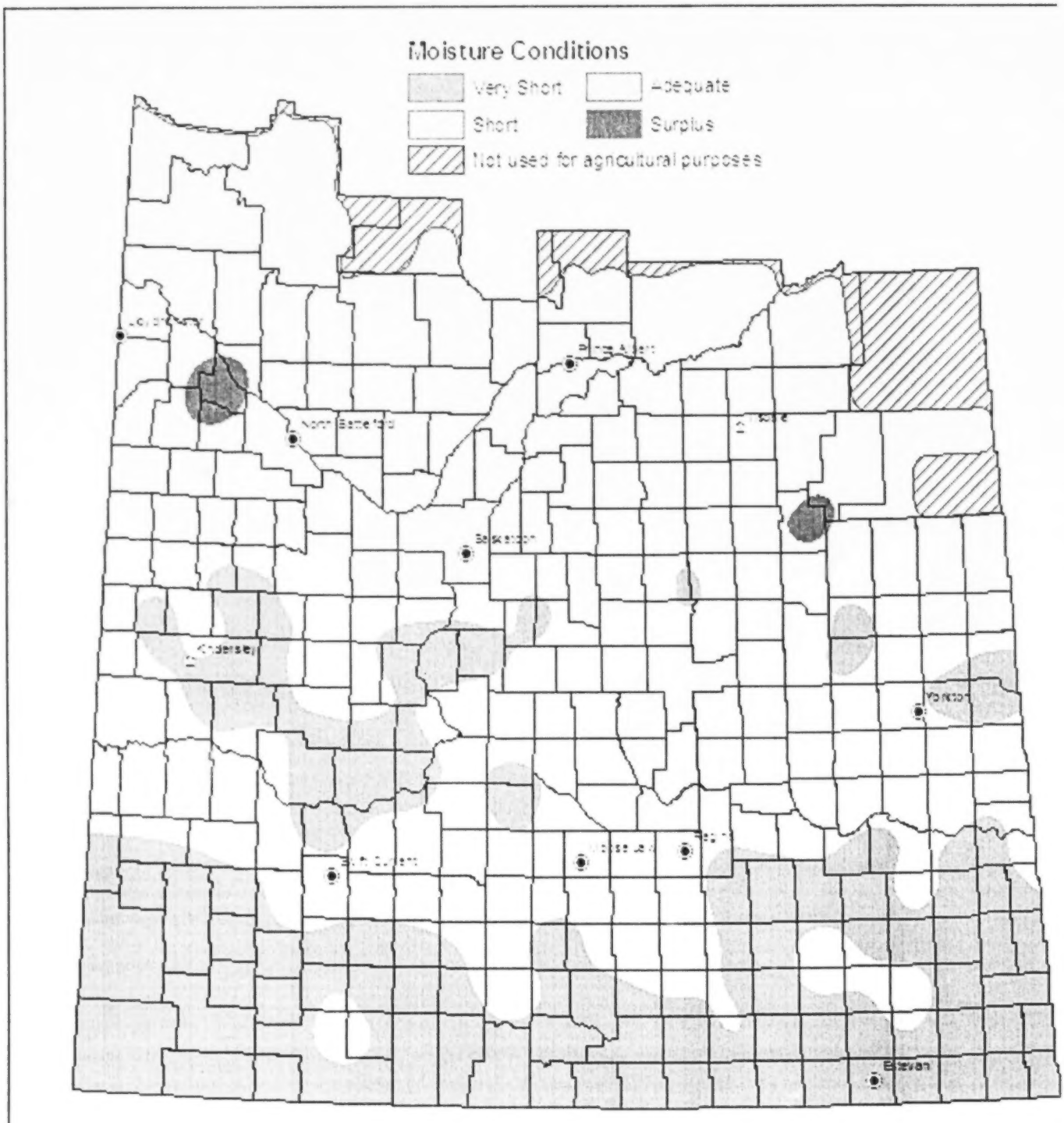

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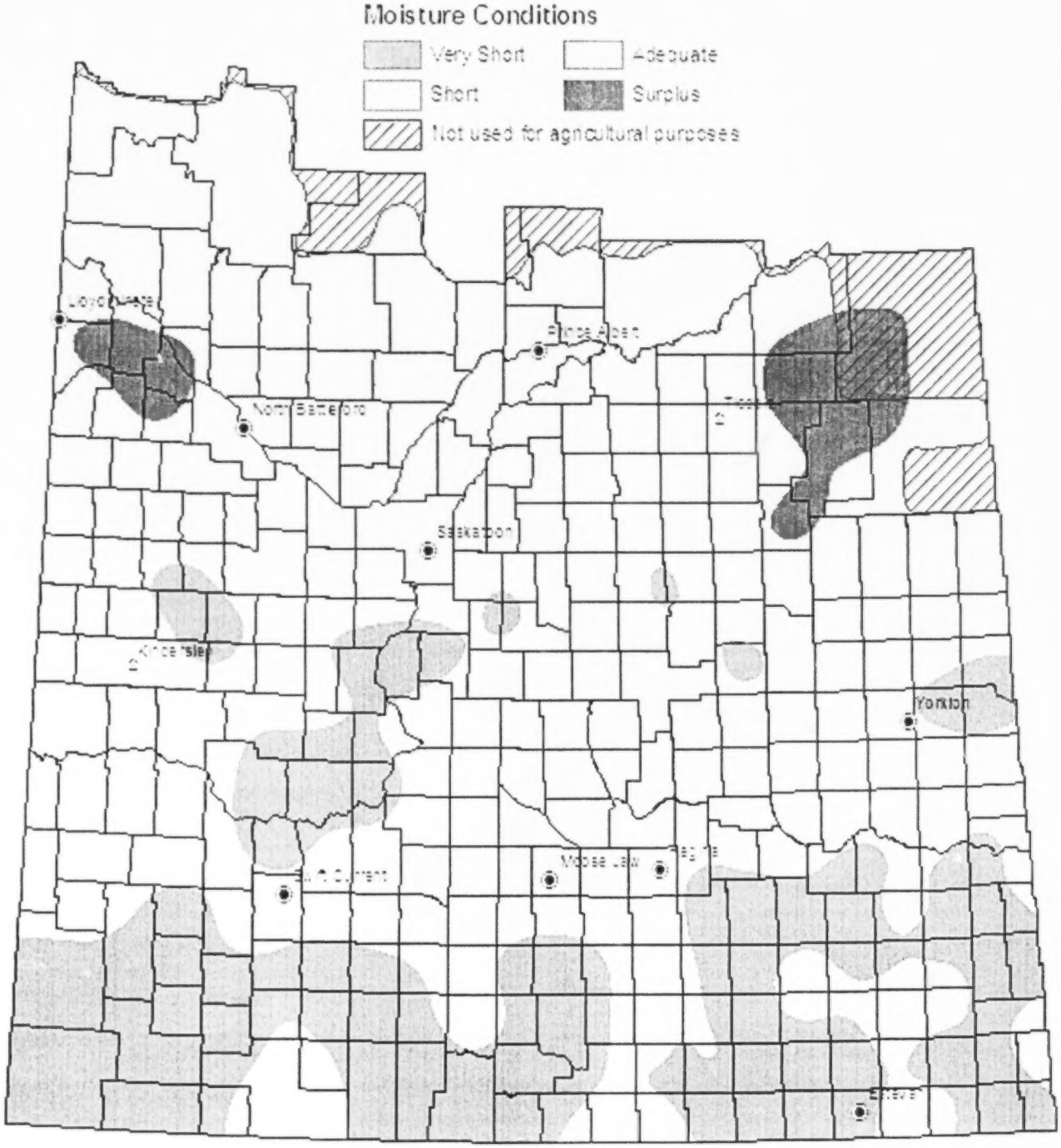

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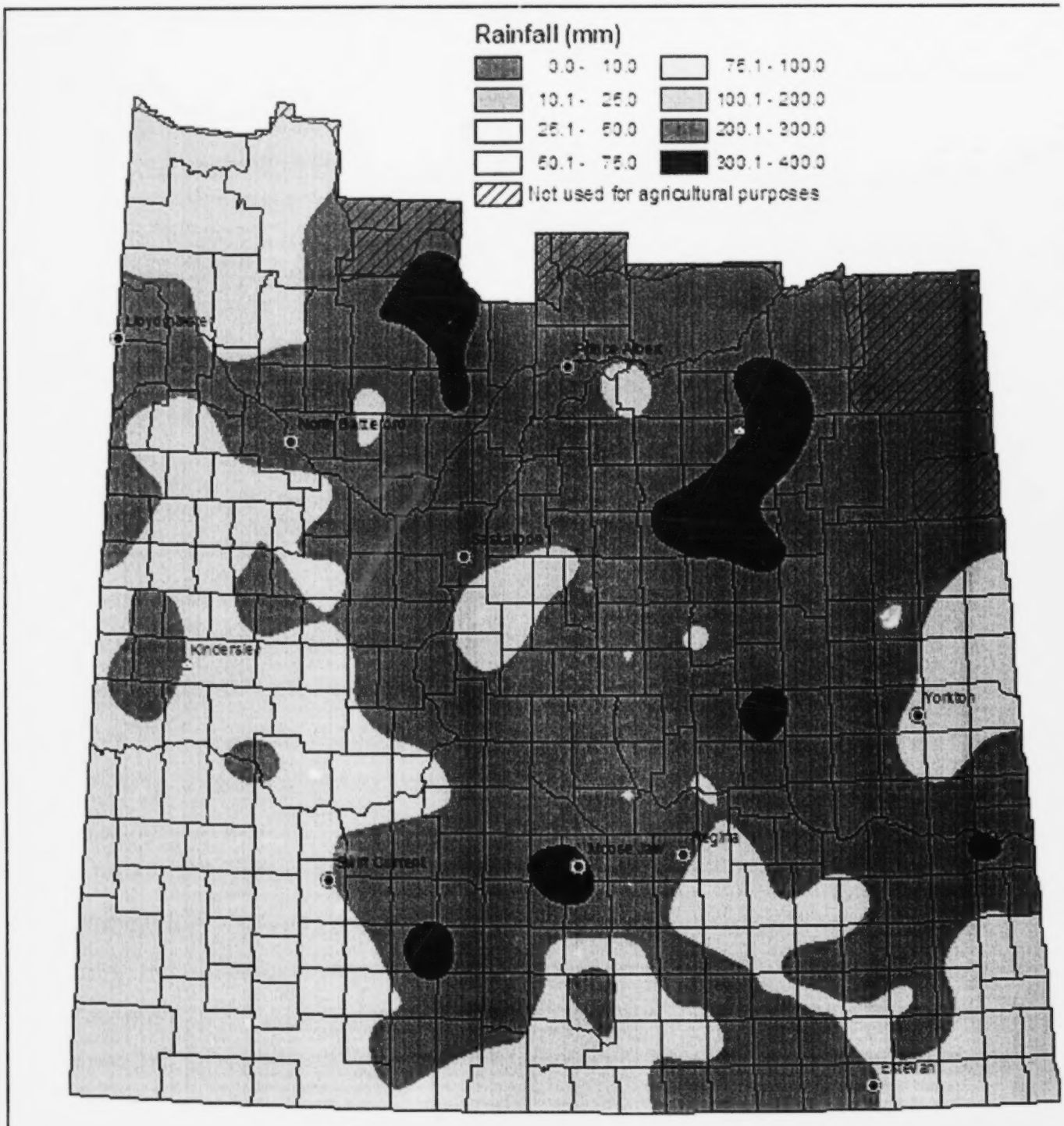
To: August 5, 2006



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Weekly Rainfall

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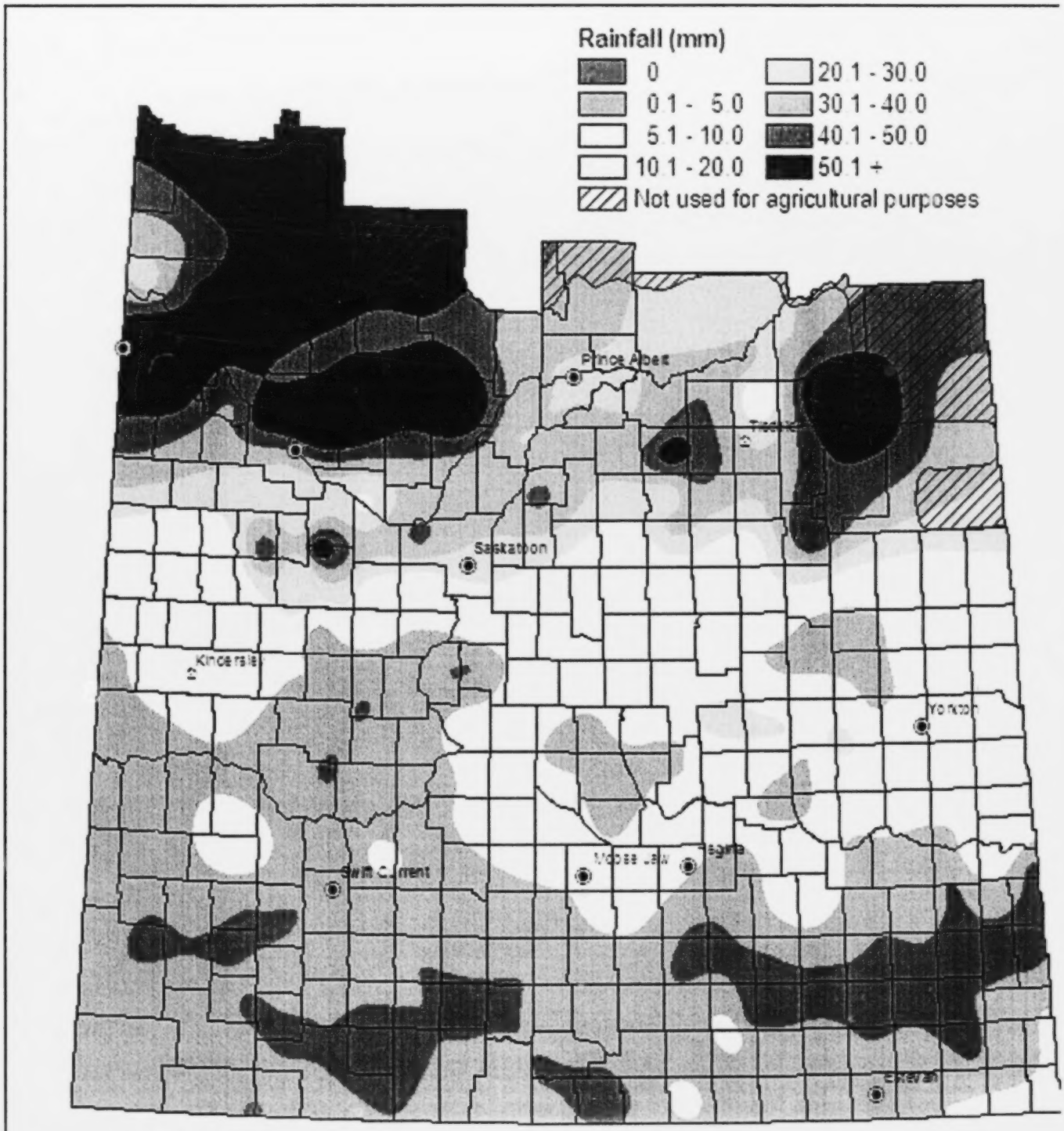

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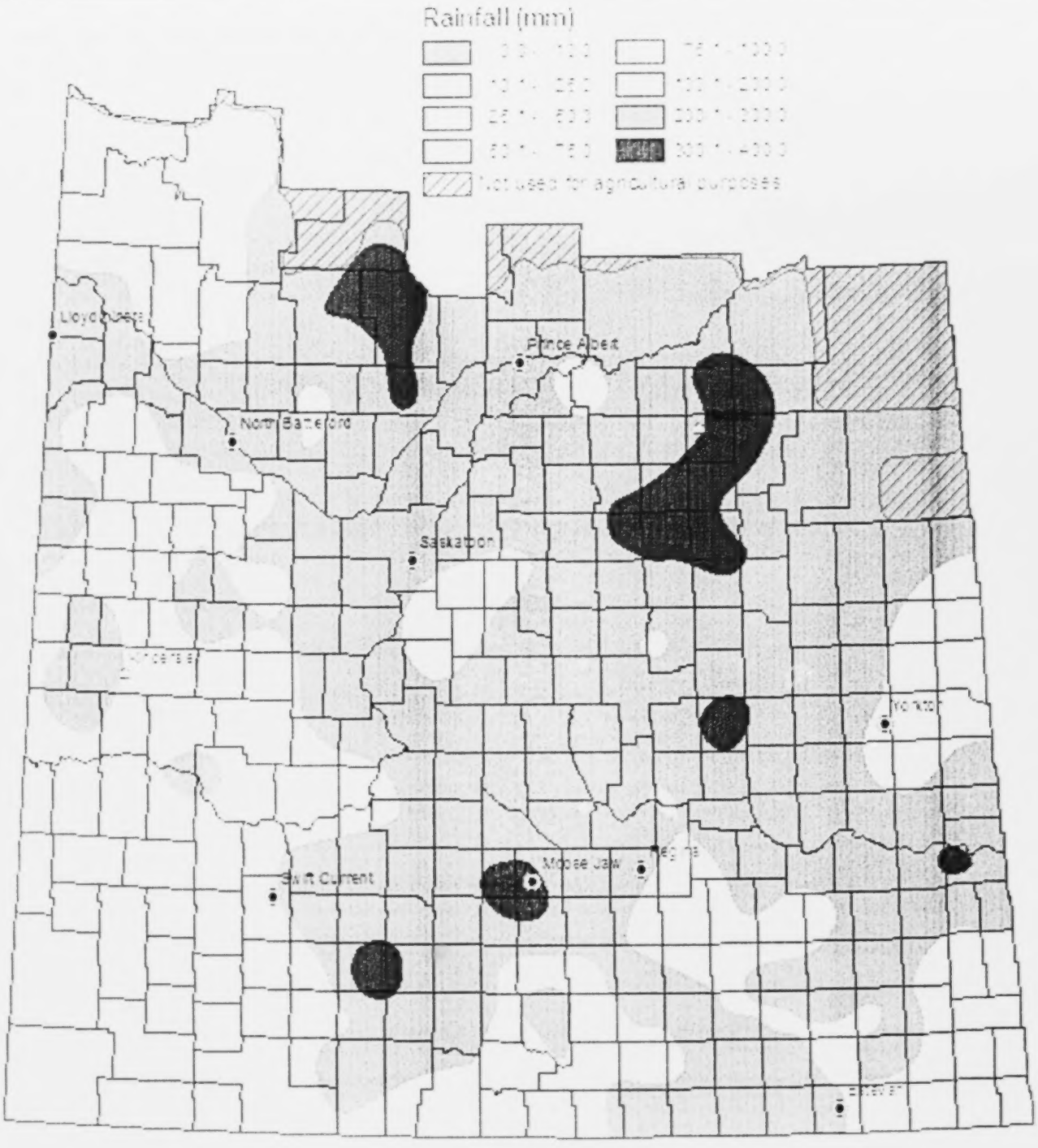
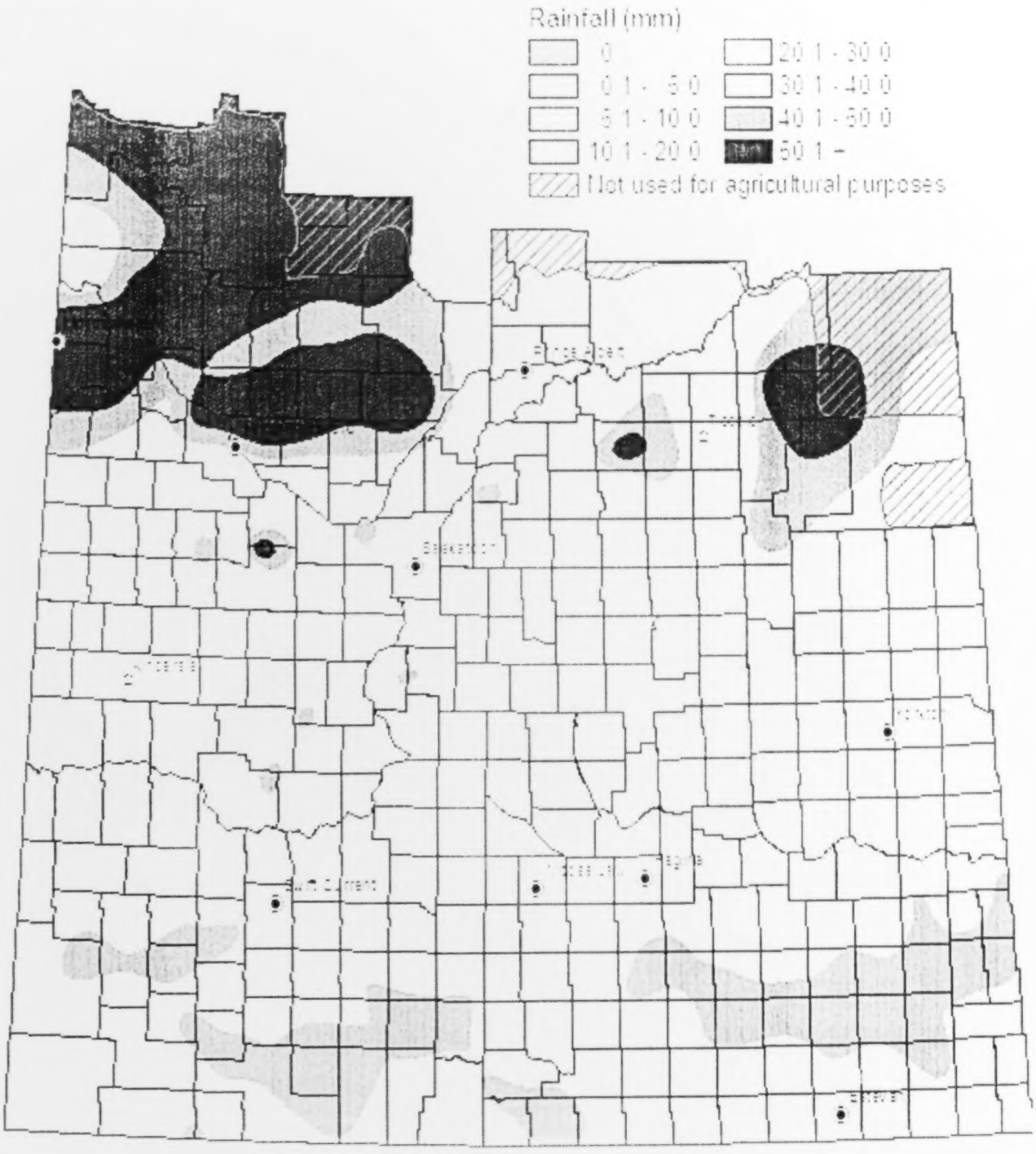


Saskatchewan

Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending August 5, 2006



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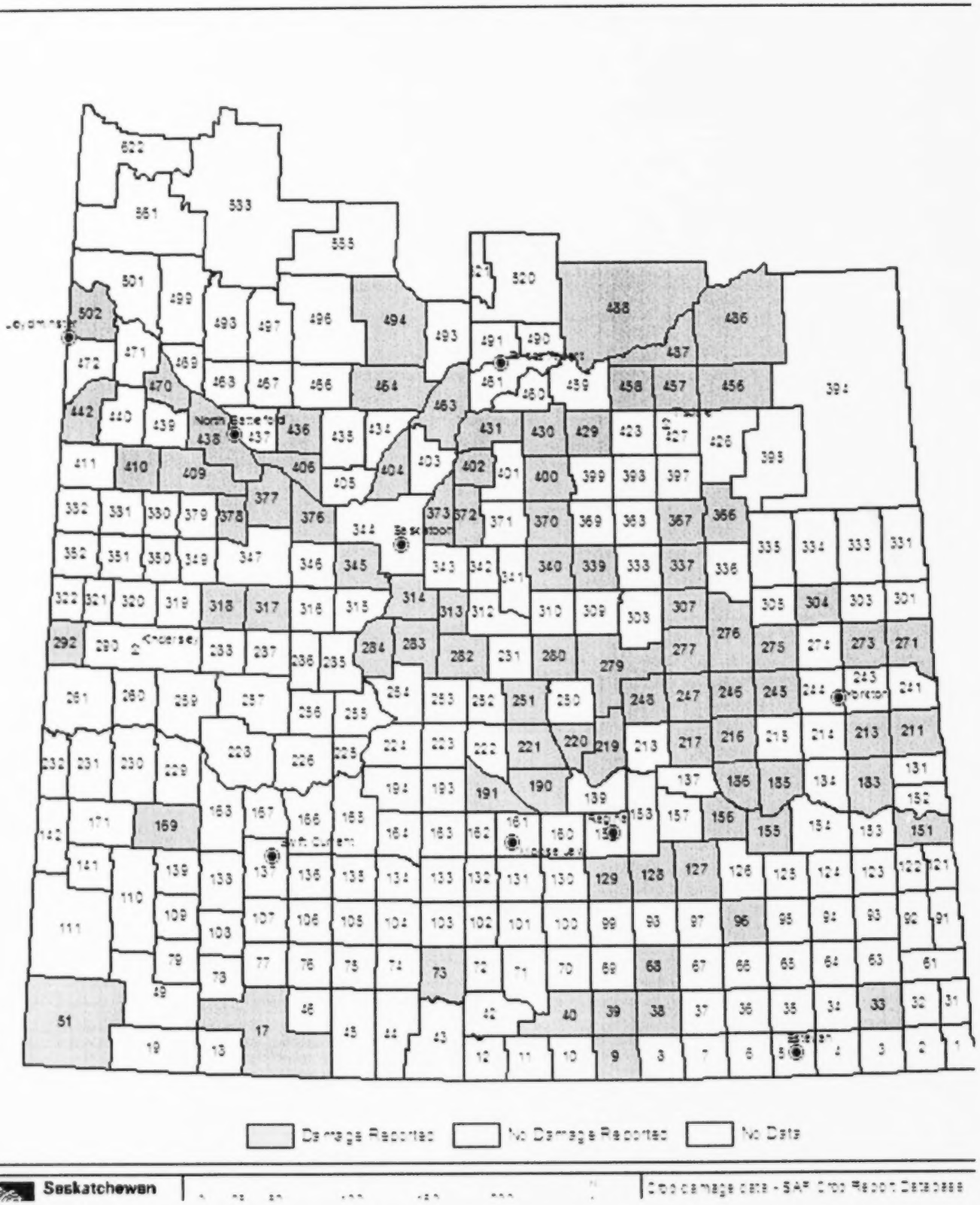
Crop Damage - Insects

for the week ending August 5, 2006



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